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PHOENIX MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO BANK FRAUD AND MULTIPLE COUNTS OF MAIL THEFT

PHOENIX – Hoyt John Parker, 45, of Phoenix, pleaded guilty yesterday to bank fraud and six counts of possession of stolen mail.

Parker was indicted by a federal grand jury for those crimes on December 12, 2006. In his guilty pleas, Parker acknowledged using the identity of another person to defraud Washington Mutual Bank (WMB). Specifically, over a three day period in December 2004, Parker deposited multiple stolen checks into the victim's bank account at WMB, and in the same transactions, requested a portion of the deposits back in the form of cash. To gain access to the victim's bank account, Parker posed as the victim, using the victim's name, social security number, and a bogus driver's license, which he created with a computer and printer. Parker acquired the checks, which he negotiated at WMB, by stealing them from the U.S. Mail.

A conviction for bank fraud carries a maximum penalty of 30 years imprisonment and a maximum fine of \$1,000,000. A conviction for possession of stolen mail carries a maximum penalty of 5 years imprisonment and a maximum fine of \$250,000. In determining an actual sentence, the sentencing district court judge will consult the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges. The judge, however, is not bound by those guidelines in determining a sentence.

Sentencing is set before Judge Frederick J. Martone on July 9, 2007.

The investigation in this case was conducted by Postal Inspectors John Danks and Chris White of the United States Postal Inspection Service. The prosecution is being handled by Robert Long, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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